

IN THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 2, change the reference line for element 30b, as shown in red in the attached Annotated Marked Up Drawing, accompanied by a clean Replacement Sheet.

Fig. 4, change the configuration of the zipper tab pull, as shown in red in the attached Annotated Marked Up Drawing, accompanied by a clean Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-8 are pending. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claims 7 and 8 are new. Claims 1, 5 and 7 are independent.

The Drawing Changes are submitted to correct errors in the drawings noticed during preparation of this Amendment. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to because of a typographical error. The disclosure has been amended to correct the typographical error, changing “sipper” to “zipper”. Withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is requested.

In paragraphs 2-5 of the Office Action, claims 1, 5 and 6 were objected to because of informalities. Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended to eliminate the informalities. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 5 and 6 is requested.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 6 were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. Since claims 5 and 6 have been amended to eliminate the informalities identified in the objections, claims 5 and 6 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,176,229 (Siegel).

Claim 1 is directed to an improved reversible zipper fly cover comprising:
a zipper having a first zipper flap opposite a second zipper flap;
a first panel connected to said first zipper flap and attached by a finished seam;
a second panel connected to said second zipper flap and attached by a finished seam;
a first fly cover flap formed by attaching said first zipper flap to said first panel by a first fly cover finish seam;
a second fly cover flap formed by attaching said second zipper flap to said second panel by a second fly cover finish seam,

wherein said reversible zipper fly cover is symmetric so that each of said first and second fly cover flaps can be used as the outside of said reversible zipper fly cover.

Siegel shows a fly cover that is not reversible. In Fig. 3, outside pants piece 12 is seen to be smooth, to present a tailored finished appearance; specifically, the bottom horizontal line in Fig. 3 of Siegel is smooth. In contrast, inside pants piece 11 has a seam edge, shown at the left top horizontal line, about 1” to the left of the reference number “25”. If the inside pants piece 11

was used as the outside of the garment, the seam edge would present an unsightly unfinished appearance. The pants would seem to be inside-out, that is, Siegel's pants are not reversible.

Accordingly, Siegel fails to show or suggest a reversible fly cover that is symmetric so that each of its first and second fly cover flaps can be used as the outside of the reversible zipper fly cover, as specifically recited in claim 1.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is requested.

New claims 7 and 8 have been added to ensure that applicant claims all that he is entitled to.

Claim 7 is directed to a reversible garment with a reversible fly, comprising:
a first fly cover flap attached to a first side of the reversible garment,
a second fly cover flap attached to a second side of the reversible garment, the second fly cover flap having the same shape as the first fly cover flap, and
a zipper having a reversible traveler guide located between the first and second fly cover flaps,

wherein the reversible fly is symmetric so that each of the first and second sides of the garment can be used as the outside of the garment.

Claim 8 is directed to the reversible garment of claim 7, wherein the reversible traveler guide can be positioned to be accessible from each of the first and second sides of the garment.

Basis for claims 7 and 8 can be found in the Figures, and at page 5, lines 18-20:

Of a particular adaptation, a reversible zipper utilizes a reversible traveler that has a traveler guide that can be positioned at or accessed from either the front or rear of the zipper assembly.

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flap thereof;

FIG. 3 is a front perspective view thereof showing the formation of an inner flap cover therein;

FIG. 4 is a front perspective view thereof showing the formation of an outer flap cover and crotch seam therein; and

FIG. 5 is a front perspective view of a finish front pant panel utilizing the present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In order to describe the complete relationship of the invention, it is essential that some description be given to the manner and practice of functional utility and description of the operation of a conventional zipper. A traveler slides from a base along a pair of aligned slides each supporting a plurality of aligned zipper elements. As the traveler is advanced from the base to a stop, zipper elements interlock to bind the respective slides of the ^{zipper} zipper. The stops are sufficiently large that they will not permit the traveler to pass beyond the end section.

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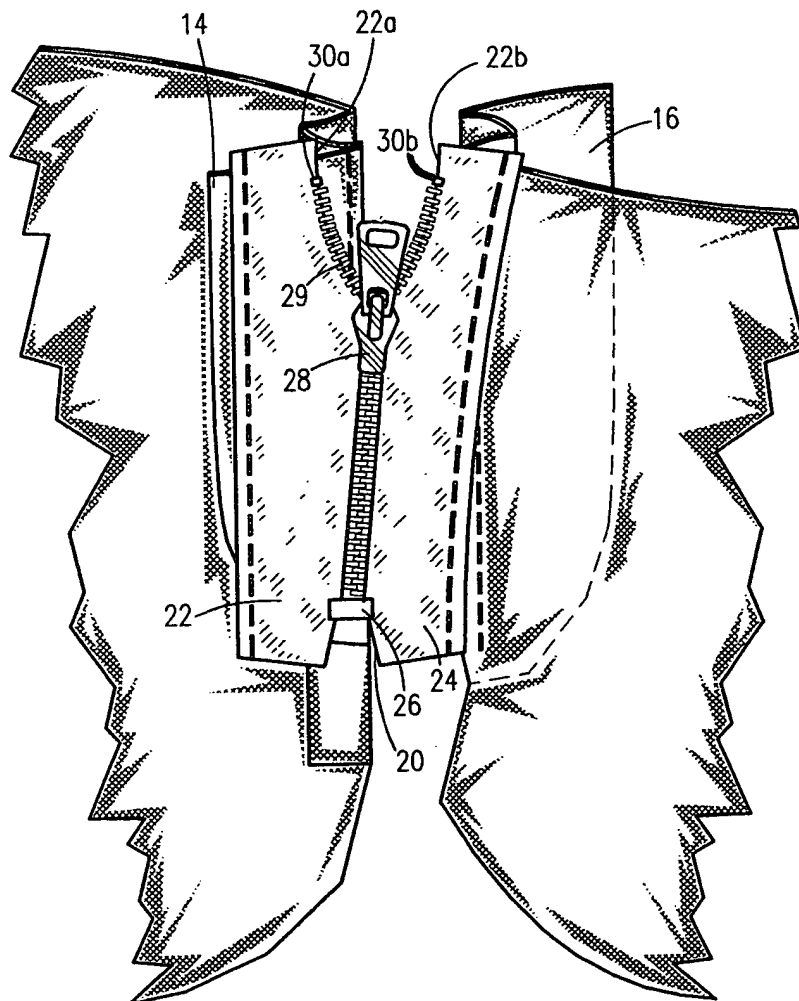
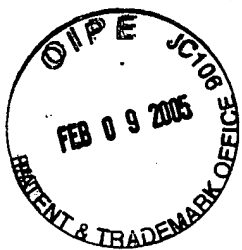


Figure 2

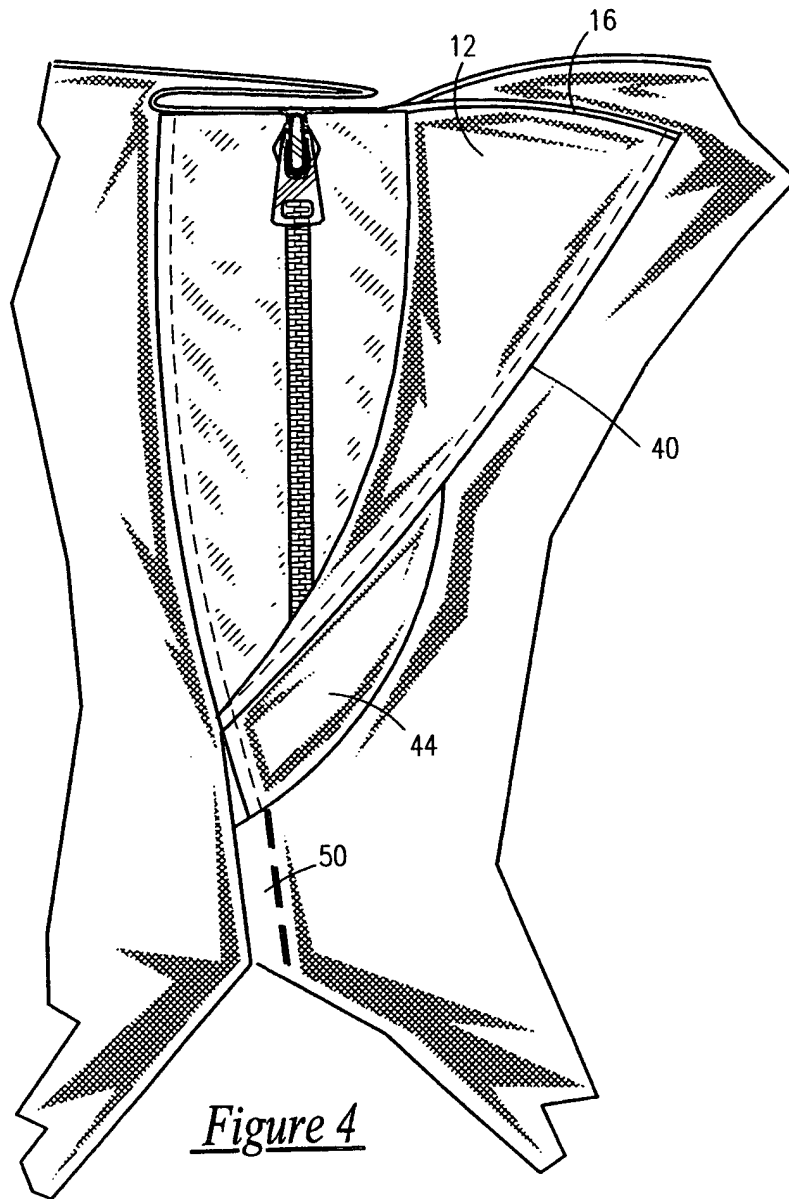
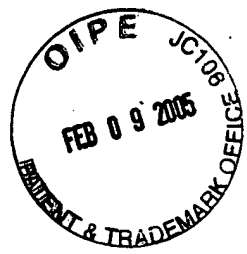


Figure 4